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SUBJECT: CANADIAN LABOR LEADERS MEETING IN GENEVA WITH
CHIEF CANADIAN MTN NEGOTIATOR GREY

1. SIX CANADIAN LABOR CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVES LEFT OTTAWA
MAY 11 FOR GENEVA TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR RODNEY GREY AND
EXPRESS THEIR FEARS THAT THE CANADIAN MTN DELEGATION
"WOULD GIVE AWAY THEIR INDUSTRIES AND THEIR JOBS".
INDUSTRIES REPRESENTED BY THE GROUP ARE PAPER, CLOTHING,
FOOTWEAR, STEEL, APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS. SPOKESMAN
FOR GROUP SAID CANADIAN LABOR NOT OPPOSED TO FREER TRADE
BUT CERTAIN INDUSTRIES WERE VERY VULNERABLE AND ALREADY
HURT BY FOREIGN COMPETITION ERODING THEIR POSITION.

2. MEMBERS OF GROUP GOING TO GENEVA WERE:

KEVIN COLLINS, SENIOR ECONOMIST, CANADIAN LABOR CONGRESS.

SAM FOX, CANADIAN V-P, AMALGAMATED CLOTHING AND TEXTILE
WORKERS.

IAN REILLY, DIRECTOR OF THE SHOE DIVISION, RETAIL CLERKS
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UNION.

FERN DUNBERRY, CANADIAN PAPERWORKERS UNION.

BERT MONROE, UNITED STEELWORKERS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO
THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR IN TORONTO.

J. KEARNEY, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL
WORKERS.

3. COMMENT: DECISION TO ALLOW LABOR LEADERS TO PLAY
FORMAL ROLE IN MTN FOR THE FIRST TIME WAS MADE BY PRIME
MINISTER TRUDEAU AFTER REPRESENTATIONS BY LABOR CONGRESS.
THIS APPEARS TO BE A POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION, HOWEVER,
WHICH MAY COMPLICATE MTN NEGOTIATIONS BY CANDEL. ENDERS

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